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| For: Person Authentication System, Person | ) |                               |
| Authentication Method, Information        | ) |                               |
| Processing Apparatus, and Program         | ) |                               |
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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 11, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, this Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.